



June 15, 2010

Honorable Darrell Steinberg
Senate President pro Tempore
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Gov. Schwarzenegger's Delta Stewardship Council Appointments, SUPPORT

Dear Senator Steinberg:

On behalf of the Southern California Water Committee (SCWC), I am writing to express our strong support for four highly qualified individuals who have been nominated by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Delta Stewardship Council, including Randy Fiorini, Phil Isenberg, Henry Nordhoff and Richard Roos-Collins.

Like you, the SCWC has been active in helping to educate Californians and policymakers about the water system crisis in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and throughout our state. Our organization endorsed last year's comprehensive legislative water package, of which you were instrumental in passing, and we are eagerly awaiting the formation of the Delta Stewardship Council so it can begin its critical mission to develop a Delta Plan and coordinate the efforts and actions of multiple agencies in the Delta estuary.

In order for the Delta Stewardship Council to fulfill its ambitious goals, it is important that it be led by a solid team of policy experts who are sophisticated enough to consider viewpoints from all stakeholders and implement the best policies to ensure that water supply reliability for 25 million Californians is strengthened and an environmental treasure is enhanced.

All four of these talented individuals are very qualified for this important position, and the SCWC urges quick action on their appointments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Ron Gastelum". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "R" and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.

Ron Gastelum
Interim Executive Director